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The second basic class at the highest SED school, the Karl Marz School, located at Liebenwalde/Sieburg (Brandenburg), extended from January through July 1947. As indicated previously, some students will stay up to two years at the school; the first formal two-year course for party functionaries was scheduled to start 1 October 1947. Entrance requirements for this long course include prior attendance at Kreis or Land schools or a rastery of the material covered by those schools. The two-year course is supposed to be given at the Hakeburg School building in Klein-Machnow (2-73). The move to this new location will make it possible for students to bring their families with them.

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Comment: The move to Klein-Machnow has been confirmed by another

- The two-year school will take the form of a "university", with faculties in philosophy, history, economics, and government. The study of a foreign language -- a choice of Russian, English, or French -- will be required. The first half-year of study will be general; after that, specialization according to ability and interest in one of the four faculties will follow.
- 3. Up to the present, the faculty at Liebenwalde has consisted of twelve regular instructors who have all attended schools as well as teacher training institutes in Russia. These are in charge of the various seminars. In addition, there are numerous assistants: former students who did well and were selected to stay at Liebenwalde. Many of these have now passed their teachers' examinations and will serve as full instructors in the two-year course. In addition, SED Central Secretariat personnel, including Pieck, Grotewohl, and Ulbricht, have lectured at Liebenwalde and have participated in discussion groups. The chief SED representative, however, has been Anton Ackermann, who is in charge of the Press, Recruiting, and Indoctrination Department in the Central Secretariat. Russians as such have never appeared as lecturers or instructors in the school.
- The half-year courses will continue at Liebenwalde, but only as special courses for high party officials. The course for journalists will also be continued at that school.

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5. The staff at the Liebenwalde school includes Dr. Willi Kronn and Karl Bose as co-directors.

a. Economics faculty:

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Liesel Eagner
Chnter Juhre
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Erich Paterna Gertrud Kropp Pelix Possrann Bruno Kueffler Subert Ernst Gerhard Poebel Steeffried Schwarz Herbert Lodner Dean Instructor Instructor Assistant Assistant Assistant Assistant

c. Itilosophy faculty:

Dr Viktor Stern Otto Feckert Arthur Dorf Götz Scharf Dean Instructor Instructor Assistant

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- 6. In addition to the SED officials mentioned above, the following have also appeared at Liebenwalde for lectures and discussion meetings: Friedrich Gelssner and Käthe Kern of the Central Secretariat of the SED; Bermann Matern, chairman of the SED in Perlin; Paul Wandel, President of the Central Administration for Education; and Edwin Hoernle, President of the Central Administration for Agriculture.
- 7. The Liebenwalde study plan includes under relicosophy an introduction to Marxism (Ackermann), dialectics, and philosophical and historical materialism (Stern). The economics faculty features lectures on capital, production, prices (Celssner), state-monopolistic war capitalism, and features of German interialism (Ackermann). German bistory includes special emphasis on the industrial revolution in England, the 1848 revolution in Germany, the Paris Commune, the two world wars, and the history of the German labor movement. The history of Russia is studied more thoroughly, with lectures by Fubiner,



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Stern, and Abraham. Theoretical principles and actual problems include the study of classes and the class struggle, the Marxist teachings on the state (Ackermann), policies of the SED (Wibricht), questions concerning unions, youth, women, farmers, culture, schools, and education in general. General themes embrace rhetoric, style, and the techniques of "spiritual" work.

8. The first two six-ronth courses and the journalists' course have been attended by 227 students.

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Comment: The SED land schools graduated 2,878 students as of 1 September 1947. There are now said to be eight land schools in existence, two of which are for "special training". The 109 district (Kreis) schools now in existence trained 6,880 students as of 1 September 1947.)

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